



#### DISTRICT SEVEN COMMUNITIES

Allied Gardens

Alvarado Estates

Chollas Creek

Colina del Sol

College Area

Del Cerro

El Cerrito

Fox Canyon

Grantville

Islenair

MCAS Miramar

Oak Park

Rancho Encantada

Redwood Village

Rolando Park

Rolando Village

San Carlos

SDSU

Tierrasanta

# The Emerald News

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## The Thread We Hold in Common

You are probably aware of the passing of my husband Mike Klarfeld on February 23rd. He was a wonderful mentor, steadfast partner, loving husband and dedicated father for my daughter Chloe. His life was like many of ours, filled with devotion to God, country and family. His law practice was not his work; it was his inspiration and challenge. He lived life to its fullest and he made the most of everyday. Whether it was the sheer joy he got from telling grand tales or the thrill from flying, riding his motorcycle or sailing, life for him was a great adventure. As I was sworn in as your Councilmember in December 2008, I had no idea of the personal challenges that lay ahead for me and my family. In early 2009, Mike was diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease. For several months we confronted the realities of this disease which seemed to descend on him like a speeding freight train.

It was not long after, I assumed the role of primary care giver for this giant of a man who always seemed so invincible to me. I had to stop accepting invitations to many events and occasions that are customary for a Councilperson to attend, especially on nights and weekends. While this kept my personal interaction with you very limited, a dedicated staff in the Council District Seven office and the assistance of daytime caregivers in my home, allowed me to attend to your requests for service, complete my daily duties at City Council and protect basic public safety as the Chair of the Public Safety Committee. During this difficult time, I often thought of the hundreds or even thousands of people in my district who are dealing with a similar situation of caring for a sick or dying family member who requires 24 hour care while juggling the responsibilities of work and personal life and the overwhelming roller coaster of emotion that takes its toll on you.

This experience has humbled me like no other in my life. It has embedded on me the realization that our time is limited in this life and that every day we should act with certainty to promote our family and community quality of life. Every act of compassion and concern is valued and needed in our world and our commitment to each other is the thread that holds our fabric as a community together. I will continue my duties as your representative with a new foundation of commitment to you and our city, but let me take this opportunity to express my deepest appreciation to all of you who have offered your words of encouragement and prayers over these last two years. The road for me would have been much longer and more difficult had it not been for your compassion and concern.

I am truly blessed and thankful. - *Marti*

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## College Rolando Library ♦ Friends Book Room

Did you know that the College-Rolando Library has its own bookshop? The **Friends' Book Room**, is located left of the main entrance, outside of the building. It is operated by the Friends of the Library, and it's open Tuesdays from 12:30 to 2:30 and Saturdays from Noon to 2:00. The great news is that books, CDs, DVDs and video tapes are a real bargain, with most prices ranging from 25 cents to \$1. There's plenty of fiction, non-fiction, children's literature, magazines and music. New material arrives every week.

The Friends of the Library is always looking for donations of gently used books, CDs, DVDs and videotapes, as well as magazines less than a year old. (No old textbooks!) These donations, can be left at the library front counter. Whatever isn't used by the library is sold in the **Friends' Book Room** to raise money for the library and fund programs which otherwise couldn't be offered.

Last year, the Friends of the College-Rolando library supported the Children's Summer Reading Program, Oasis programs for older adults, and new books for the Children's Section. Please visit the Friends Book Room on Tuesdays or Saturdays, and pick up some treasures for a dollar or less.



Library volunteer  
Marie Grace (right)  
helps a customer in the  
Friends' Book Room

## Mission Trails Park

### Volunteers Honored

I was on hand to recognize some of our Mission Trails volunteers at the 15<sup>th</sup> annual awards on February 5<sup>th</sup>. This year Bill Howell was named Volunteer of the Year for 2010. Bill has been the lead instructor for the Trail Guide training program since 1995.

Several other volunteers received awards in various categories for outstanding service and for their hours and years of service to the park. I would like to thank all of the volunteers for the countless hours that they have donated to the park which has supported its continued success.



Ranger Heidi Gutknecht,  
Bill Howell and Marti

## Annual Photo Contest

Have you recently been out hiking in Mission Trails and snapped a picture of the beautiful scenery? If you have please submit your picture in this year's MTRP amateur photo contest. All entries will be on display at the Visitor Center during the month of May and prizes will be awarded for Best of Show, People's Choice and other categories with cash prizes awarded in each category. There is an entry fee of \$5 and the contest deadline is April 16<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in participating please call 619-668-3280 or email: [mtrp@mtrp.org](mailto:mtrp@mtrp.org). Additional information on contest rules and a copy of photo contest form can be found at [www.mtrp.org](http://www.mtrp.org). Good luck to all the participants!



## Pro Kids— The Course of Opportunity



Team Emerald recently spent the afternoon volunteering at Pro Kids. The 34-acre, 18-hole, par-3 Colina del Sol Park Golf Course serves more than 2,000 children per year through their partnership in Education Agreement with SD Unified School District. Pro Kids was founded by former AFL player Ernest H. Wright, Sr. in 1994. His mission was to challenge underserved youth to excel in life by providing them an opportunity to develop life skills and values

through education and the game of golf. Once kids have completed a series of classes and pass a written and playing ability test, they have access to the Learning Center activities and resources including tutoring, mentoring, computer access, community services, educational and recreational field trips, and university visits. Team Emerald enjoyed spending time with some of the kids practicing golf related activities and then participated in a read-a-thon.

**Volunteers are needed to provide support and guidance to pro kids members. For more information and volunteer opportunities check out their website at [www.prokidsonline.org](http://www.prokidsonline.org) and click on Support Pro Kids for more details.**



## Reading with Marti

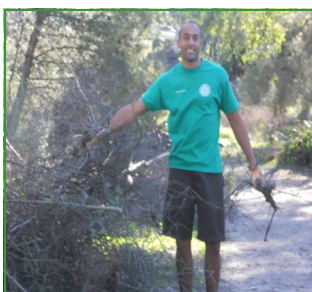
On February 10th, I joined the students at Blessed Sacrament School for a special reading event along with Tommie the Tortoise and Caesar the Iguana from Wild Wonders and Zoofari. I read from the book The Ugly Duckling, prompting an important discussion with the students about inner beauty. The Foolish Tortoise and The Mixed-Up Chameleon provided an important lesson about being happy with who you are. Blessed Sacrament is a parochial K-8 elementary school located in the beautiful community of El Cerrito.



## SDSU Thanks City Employees for Fine Work

Some special guests stopped by the City Council meeting Tuesday, February 8th to make a special presentation to the City. I was pleased to introduce SDSU President Weber, Athletic Director Jim Sterk, Coach Rocky Long and Holiday Bowl Director Bruce Binkowski. President Weber presented an autographed football as a token of appreciation to the city staff who helped get Qualcomm Stadium ready for the

Poinsettia Bowl last December by pumping 1.5 million gallons of water and clearing all the mud out of the stadium and parking lots. I was joined by Mayor Sanders and Councilmember Faulconer at the podium.



## Team Emerald Making Friends in Tierrasanta Canyons

Team Emerald along with the Friends of Tierrasanta Canyons thinned some eucalyptus and pine trees and removed dead brush at it's February canyon restoration event. Friends of Tierrasanta Canyons welcomes new volunteers on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month, any time between 8:00 and 11:00 am.

**For more information, please contact Volunteer Coordinator Roberta Froome via e-mail at [rfroomel@yahoo.com](mailto:rfroomel@yahoo.com)**



**15th Annual**  
**Rolando**  
**Street Fair**

**Sunday**  
**March 27th**  
**10 a.m.- 6 p.m.**

**On Rolando Blvd.**  
**south of**  
**El Cajon Blvd.**

**Art Work**  
**Crafts -Toys**  
**Clothing -Gifts**  
**Kids Rides**  
**Face Painting**

**Great Food**

**Live Music**  
**All Day**

**See you all there!**

# March Community Events

**March 5th 8am - 1pm at Qualcomm Stadium. A huge community clean-up for all of District 7.** District 6, too. Bulky items (appliances, metals, junk furniture, mattresses) and tires (less than 10) will be allowed at this clean up. Electronics will also be accepted. Please no hazardous waste, no construction & demolition debris. Here is a great opportunity to clear out all that clutter from your property and the neighborhood. Please help us spread the word. For more information: (858) 694-7000.

**Marvin Elementary School's 17th Annual Evening in the Tropics Auction and Dinner Sat 3/5 6 - 10pm** at the East San Diego Masonic Hall, 7849 Tommy Drive. For more information: [www.sandi.net/marvin](http://www.sandi.net/marvin)

**Rolando Community Council Book Sale Sat 3/5 8am - 4pm** in the Rite-Aid parking lot, corner of Art St. and El Cajon Blvd.

**Cesar Chavez Day—Important Holiday Trash Collection: Thurs 3/31** As part of the Environmental Services Department's new Holiday Trash Collection Schedule, the City of San Diego's trash, recycling, and yard waste collection remains on the regular Mon-Fri schedule this week. For more information: [www.sandiego.gov/environmental-services](http://www.sandiego.gov/environmental-services)

## College Rolando Library: Ongoing Programs

**Adult Yoga** in the Community Room 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month at 9:30 a.m.

**Children and Teen Homework Help** in the Children's Area Tuesdays at 6:00 pm

**Children's Science Program** in the Community Room Wednesdays at 1:00 Signup is Required/ Caroline Nasif (619) 251-1076

## HELPFUL SERVICES

**Rebuilding Together San Diego**, a 501© 3 non-profit organization, is accepting applications for their home renovation program for 2011. Rebuilding Together San Diego helps residents in need of assistance with home repairs. This service is for people who are physically and financially unable to make repairs themselves. For more information: [www.rebuildingtogethersd.org](http://www.rebuildingtogethersd.org) or call (619) 231-7873.

**District Seven Homeowners May Qualify** for free inspection and installation of security devices such as security screen doors, motion sensor lights, wide-angle viewers, deadbolt locks, dusk-to-dawn lights, sliding door locks, window locks, carbon monoxide/smoke detectors, and fire extinguishers. For more information: Charles Espinosa, San Diego and Imperial Counties Labor Council (619) 283-5411 Ext. 109.